3/25/69

Dear Sylvia,

I've been ill and very weak for three weeks, so you've not heard from me. Although I was scheduled to speak in Brewster 3/28 I was not until a few days ago confident I'd be physically up to it. Now I am. I'll be leaving for NY Thursday and will be there overnight. I have some urgent legal needs to look after, hope I can, must spend some time with the young man who acted as my agent with Dell, and have copies of COUP D'ETAT at two places. So, I am not at all certain that, should you have time that day or the first half of the next, I will. I leave for Brewster shortly after lunchtime. However, I will be returning to NYC Saturday, when I may have a little time. I will have a copy of POST MORTEM III with me and, hopefully, a spare one of COUP D'ETAT, which I will lend you, if we can get together. I hope you do not have to work Saturday. When I know my schedule, I'll let you know. If nothing else is possible, perhaps we can get together near either Grand Central or Penn stations. If it is necessary for me to delay my return, I will, but because I am weak and will then be more tired, with an hour and a half after the three-hour train trip and because I am reluctant to leave my wife alone more than is necessary, I'd prefer to make the return as rapidly as affairs permit.

Your suggestions on PM are helpful. I thank you for them. It is difficult to ask you for suggestions on additions without letting you know the rest of the content to be added in Part II. I'll have a few of the more sensational things with me. I think you'll be interested. I will be adding a chapter on the Washington-New Orleans proceedings to PM II plus very extensive excerpts from Cyril's excellent testimony. I have had that marked up since the day I got it, which now seems long ago, but my wife, who has returned to work until mid-April, has not had time to retype it. I will also attempt to get some of the afternoon session to include, for the federal desparation is worth memorializing. Without cooperation, the problem here is cost, for those are well-space, large-type pages and at 20¢ it rapidly mounts up. I am not hopeful that the DJ will lend me a copy!

In many areas that cannot be anticipated from the 26 volumes my work has gone pretty far forward. My immediate plans are to write an epilogue to COUP. I have about all I need, except time and responses to letters. Before the charge of compulsion against Ray had been made, I did, in letters to those most directly involved. I have had no response and anticipate none, but before I begin the actual writing, I want to permit plenty of time. I recall nothing in the book that requires change, certainly no major change, despite the two "trials". The book clearly states (as of 6/68) that whatever was required to prevent a conspiracy trial would be done. Then I'll do the little PM III requires, then I'll do PM II, and then I'll return to AGENT OSWALD, partly written and almost entirely researched. It has some of the greatest sensations yet.

Think about New Orleans. There are many things I am willing to tell you on a strictly confidential basis, never to be used or mentioned to anyone. I realize the complications and conflicts this may present to you, therefore I leave it entirely up to you. It is not my desire to burden you but I am willing to inform you. There are, of course, some things not of this character there just is not time to put on paper until I write them (some will be in AGENT OSWALD).

Hurriedly,

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